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Thanks

... to those who supported this week's school and interschool swimming sports events.

... Graeme Bird Concrete Cutting and Drilling, again, for sponsorship of our school swimming sports.

People of the week

... those who represented our school at this week's Whangarei Primary School Swimming Sports event.

... those parents who have taken on coaching or managing roles for our Saturday sports teams. The school very much appreciates your willingness to give of your time and energy.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

19 March	Junior Marine Rooms 3 & 4
20 March	School Duathlon - Teams Event
21 March	School Duathlon - Individual Event
26 March	Junior Marine Rooms 1, 2 & 5
27 March	ESOL Trip (more to follow)
3 April	Easter Tuesday, School Holiday
9 April	Visiting Drama Group
11 April	Northland Swim Champs
13 April	Final day of term 1 (30 April first day of term 2)

School Duathlon Events - Years 4 - 8 - REMINDER

The events will take place as follows -

Team event - Tuesday 20 March 12.50-1.40pm

Individual Event - Wednesday 21 March 12.50-1.40pm

Information was sent home Thursday if your child registered their interest.

Those children opting to bike will require their bike, a helmet & shoes to be at school prior to the race. If children are participating in both events, we are happy to store the bikes in the school hall overnight. Parents are welcome on the day to support. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please.

Junior Trip to Reotahi

Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)

Monday 19th March (Rooms 3 & 4) Monday 26th March (Rooms 1, 2, 5)

Permission slips should have all been returned to school by now. Any questions please contact Mrs Robertson or your child's teacher.

Tax receipts

Please note that tax receipts will be sent out within the next couple of weeks with your child. This will be a tax receipt for the 2017 to 2018 financial year.

In last week's newsletter (available via our website - newsletter tab, or from the office on request)

School Contributions and Events Fees

Toys / trading cards

Pool gate

School Direction for 2018

New junior class

International Schools Exam Consents

Consent forms for the International Schools exams were issued this week to children who expressed interest, or whose parents indicated they would like them to be involved. If you did not receive a form, and would like one, please contact the school office. These competitions are entirely optional, and children need to be willing to undertake the additional workload. Please ensure that consents, and fees, are returned to school no later than Thursday 29 March.

For your interest, examination dates are as follows ... English Exam ... 31 July, Maths Exam ... 14 August.

Carpark

Please keep the teacher designated carpark free at all times. Thank you!

Seesaw

Seesaw is an online sharing tool of children's work and classroom / school events. Please expect an invitation to your child's class Seesaw profile by the end of next week. Feel free to comment on posts & celebrate with your child. For those that do not have a device to access Seesaw we can show you here at school. For any question please contact your child's teacher.

School Hockey Teams

Due to the large number of registrations, it is now necessary to hold trials. All trials will take place at 12.45pm (during lunch time) on the day listed below. It is *not essential* for parents to attend these trials and due to the large number of registrations an independent selector will be present.

Please ensure that your child brings their hockey gear with them to school on the day of their trial.

Year 2 - Thursday 22nd March - Trials (including year 1 students that have expressed an interest)

Year 3 / 4 - Friday 23rd March

Year 5 / 6 - Monday 26th March

Any questions in the lead up to the trials can be addressed to the school office or Mrs Donaldson.

School Netball Team - Year 7 & 8s

The senior netball team, ideally, needs another player or 2 to join the team. Players can be boys or girls. Please contact the office or Mrs Pol for information.

Representative Sports Teams ... worth another mention in case you missed this last week.

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams. **The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others.** Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Disputes between children

... are a part of life and an opportunity to learn critical life skills. As long as these disputes remain within reasonable bounds (ie: are not excessive, prolonged, or targeted), and as long as children are supported where necessary, and boundaries are in place, they provide critical opportunities to grow. To isolate children from all disputes, deprives them of opportunities to develop resilience, to learn tolerance, and to learn to give and take. The school will always step in where children need support, and we are very good at monitoring. BUT our involvement will always be on the basis ...

... that full information will be gathered (from multiple sources) before responsibility is assigned to any child

... that every child has a right to be heard

- ... that every child has a right to contribute to resolution
- ... that the process (including outcomes) must be fair on all parties
- ... that some elements of resolution will be confidential

It is possible, after our involvement and a period of monitoring, that tensions between children can re-emerge. This does NOT mean that the problem was not dealt with, it simply means that some further support and monitoring may be warranted ... simply let us know.

Parents can help by ...

- ... avoiding assumptions or conclusions before the school has fully investigated a matter
- ... remembering that what their child has told them is an interpretation of event, it is nearly always only a partial account of what has happened, wider information nearly always changes the picture
- ... NEVER approach another person's child in an effort to intervene in a dispute. Matters must always be referred to the school
- ... remembering that the world of children is fundamentally no different to the world of adults. We are all imperfect, mistakes happen, we have bad days, we are the product of complex shaping factors, and things take time.

Finally

Please show an interest in what your child has done at school each day. If you have time, read to them, listen to them read, and spend time discussing what you/they have read. More than one piece of research has identified reading from text as hugely more beneficial, in the development of reading and thinking skills, than reading from a screen. So ... books with covers and pages that turn remain the BEST way to learn to read. If you need help hooking your child into home reading please connect with their classroom teacher.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Contact Kim on 021 066 3806

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 - Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$5.00.

PLUS NEW - \$4.50 - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or Salad Wrap with a juice
\$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple, or a mixed cup.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Indoor Bowls – at Ruatangata Hall, 7.30pm each Wednesday. Start 14 March. All new members welcome – ph Alan 435 0141 or Ben 435 1570 for info

AgriKids – Northern Regional final – Kerikeri 17 March. Open entry for all primary school age students aged 8 to 13. Free to enter. Compete in teams of 3. Top 3 teams from Kerikeri go to Grand Final on 5-7 July in Invercargill! Sign up now – agrikidsnz.co.nz.

Battery Recycling Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

Kamo Touch A Truck! The Kamo Fire Brigade are running their annual fundraising day. Sunday 18th March, Hurupaki School 10am – 3pm. Many local community businesses that have come together to support this event by offering machinery and vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to learn about, climb in and have some great hands on experiences with. There will be Rides, Food, Fire Fighting Combat Challenge and competitions.

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day Will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more information contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club Registration - If your child is interested in playing hockey this year please send details to ruatangatajmc@gmail.com, including name, school, age, year at school and DOB.

Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8 Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class; Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park. Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm; \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session. We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn. Ph Jessica 027 925 4538.

ASB will donate \$500.00 to participating schools for every **new home loan** over \$250,000.00 taken with ASB when a voucher is presented by a borrower from your school community (school staff, parents, extended Whanau). There are some terms and conditions to be met and these are fully disclosed on the voucher – ask at the school office.

The Teenage Brain – presented by Nathan Wallis. Thursday 14 April. Tickets through Ticketek \$40. Nathan will start with an introduction to neuroscience and brain development and work towards the teenage brain from there. It is an interactive seminar. Topics covered include (but not limited to) – learning, risk taking, alcohol & drug taking, sleeping patterns, communicating with teens & so on.

Kiwi Release ceremony at Maunu Primary School *this Saturday 17th March 1pm*. After 10 years of pest control in Pukenui Forest the Trust are proud to be reintroducing up to 12 adult kiwi into the Forest. Everyone who attends will get the chance to get up close to one of the kiwi. No dogs are allowed at the ceremony.

Year 5/6 Camper on the Rockwall at Lonsdale Park last week

